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SUBJECT: MAY DAY AND MAY 8 CELEBRATIONS IN EAST BERLIN

1. GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL SECTION HAS DISTRIBUTED CIRCULAR NOTE INVITING CHIEFS OF MISSION TO MAY 1 "DEMONSTRATION OF BERLIN WORKERS" AND TO MAY 8 MORNING WREATH-LAYING AT TREPTOW AND TO AFTERNOON CEREMONY AT OPERA HOUSE ON OCCASION OF 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF "LIBERATION FROM FASCISM". HOSTS FOR LATTER EVENT ARE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE STATE AND MINISTERIAL COUNCILS.

2. ATTENDANCE AT THESE VARIOUS EVENTS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AMONG US, UK AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF KAMPFGRUPPEN UNITS IN MAY DAY PARADE, ALLIED AMBASSADORS DO NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO ATTEND. IT WAS DECIDED ALSO THAT IN VIEW PRECEDENTS AND OUT UNDERSTANDING OF EXISTING GUIDANCE, AMBASSADORS WOULD ATTEND BOTH MAY 8 EVENTS, ON ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NVA UNITS PRESENT (APART FROM POSSIBLE HONOR GUARD UNIT). THERE WERE NO SUCH UNITS LAST YEAR. DEPENDING ON HOW EVENTS ARE CARRIED OUT, BERLIN EMBASSIES MAY WISH TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ATTENDANCE IN FUTURE. BOLEN

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